

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2004

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

All members of the Council were present; Mayor Dowling presided. Councilor Veilleux was excused at 9:00 p.m. for a prior commitment.

Presentation - Awards of Valor & Exceptional Service to 5 Police Officers

Presentation - Audit Report by Runyon, Kersteen, Ouellette

Presentation - Leif Dahlin, Community Services Director  
Bruce Chase, Recreation Director-Recreation Programming  
tish carr, Arborist - Tree Update

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

004 BE IT ORDAINED, That the following section of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Augusta is hereby enacted:

Sec. 6-348 Removal of Items from Containers.

No person may open, inspect, tamper with, add any item to, or remove any item that has been placed in a rubbish/recycleable container at a residential or non-residential property unless written permission of the owner or occupant of property is requested by and provided to the person requesting permission to do any of the above prohibited activities.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESSWITHDRAWN

- 009 ORDERED, That Bruce N. Schatz be reappointed to the Augusta Parking District; said term to expire September 7, 2008.

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

- 06A ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held January 5, 2004 submitted by the Acting City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 007 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts #6 for the month of December 2003 in the amount of \$4,271,993.44 be approved.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 008 ORDERED, That the report regarding the City's financial position through December 2003 be presented and accepted upon presentation.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 010 ORDERED, That Kenneth Lajoie be reappointed to the Augusta Housing Authority; said term to expire January 25, 2009.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 011 ORDERED, That the City Council accept various donations for the new Cony High School in an amount totaling \$39,482.00.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

- 012 ORDERED, That the Augusta City Council hereby accepts the report of the Utilities Study Committee and expresses its gratitude to Committee Chair Roger Katz and the members of the committee for their diligent efforts and studious work product.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 013 A resolution expressing concern over the increasing expense of Kennebec County Government.

WHEREAS, the Kennebec County budget increased 12.5% for 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Kennebec County budget has grown 38.5% over the past 5 years, and

WHEREAS, local property taxpayers have made significant cuts to local and school programs and personnel during this time period, and

WHEREAS, local taxpayers have made clear their intentions to limit any future property tax increases; and

WHEREAS, the State has failed to appropriately reimburse the County for jail expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that:

1. Any Kennebec County budget increase for 2005 be limited to the cost of living increase for 2004, and
2. The Augusta City Council pledges its support for initiatives that would require the State to assume a greater share of the County jail expenses, and
3. The Augusta City Council respectfully requests that County officials join with municipal and state officials in working for local property tax reform.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

014 WHEREAS, pursuant to Order 113 of the City Council of the City of Augusta, Maine first read September 29, 2003, second reading and passage October 6, 2003 (the "Order"), the City Council of the City of Augusta, Maine authorized the borrowing of \$29,717,105 for construction and related expenses of a new Cony High School (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, a majority of the voters voting at the election held December 2, 2003 approved the adoption of the Order; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta expects to proceed with expenditures for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Augusta, Maine as follows:

1. The City of Augusta reasonably expects to incur debt to reimburse expenditures (including expenditures made within the last sixty (60) days) temporarily advanced from funds of the City, such expenditures to be made to pay the cost, or a portion of the cost, of the Project;

2. The City of Augusta reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount of debt to be issued with respect to the Order, including for reimbursement purposes, is \$29,717,105;

3. The City Manager is authorized to advance money of the City for payment of the costs of the Project; and

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: January 20, 2004

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk